# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1641
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DEATH OF PERSONS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that 17 residents of Asha Kiran, (a Government-run home for the mentally retarde

(d) have died during the past three months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI)

(a) to (c) Asha Kiran is a home for mentally retarded persons run by Government ofNCT of Delhi. As per information furnished by Government of NCT of Delhi, allthe inmates who have died recently were suffering from profound/severe mental retardation. The cause of deaths varied from status Epilepticus, Tuberculosis, Pneumonitis to Septicemia. In a few cases the cause of the death is not known. Almost all the cases were under regular treatment from Sanjay Gandhi Hospitalbut in spite of the best efforts of the medical staff in the institution and also the doctors at the hospital the inmates succumbed to their illnesses.

A committee of doctors has reviewed the causes of death and action is being initiated as per the recommendation of the committee to have more medical and para-medical staff for the institution. Further, a magisterial inquiry into one of the cases of death has been ordered. Further action will be initiated after receiving the inquiry reports.